

Indirect Objects

2k. An **indirect object** is a noun, pronoun, or word group that often appears in sentences containing direct objects. An indirect object tells to *whom* or to *what* (or for *whom* or for *what*) the action of a transitive verb is done.

EXAMPLE I showed **Mom** and **Dad** my report. [Showed to whom? Mom and Dad.]

EXERCISE A Underline the indirect objects in the following sentences.

Example 1. Mr. Greico gave us a quiz in math today.

1. I lent Yolanda my baseball glove.
2. Maxine baked us a vegetable pizza.
3. The Nineteenth Amendment gives women the right to vote.
4. Nathan bought his grandfather leather gloves for Christmas.
5. At the concession stand, Tim bought himself a bag of popcorn and a bottle of water.
6. The store manager offered each of the applicants a part-time job.
7. Every Monday morning, our parents hand us our allowances for the week.
8. Ms. Wong told the children the story about Damocles and the sword.
9. I am weaving my aunt and uncle a tapestry with pictures of hummingbirds and magnolias.
10. My neighbor pays me twenty-five dollars for mowing his lawn.

EXERCISE B Rewrite the following sentences, making each underlined phrase an indirect object.

Example 1. Please give this message to Terrence or Scott. Please give Terrence or Scott this message.

11. Heather knitted a pair of socks for her baby brother. _____
12. The camping trip provided plenty of exciting moments for the hikers. _____
13. Did you send invitations to Rebecca and him? _____
14. The judges awarded gold medals to both Kristi and Carl. _____
15. Tomás showed his large collection of baseball cards to Armand and me. _____